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IMAGERY INFORMATION REPORT

NEW TANK LANDING SHIP UNDER CONSTRUCTION, SHANG-HAI, CHINA (S)

(TSR) China's first indigenous tank landing ship (LST) was newly identified in a late stage of construction at the Chung-hua Shipyard in Shang-hai [REDACTED] The ship is [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and is similar in size and configuration to the Soviet ALLIGATOR-class LST. The superstructure has at least five gun positions and is situated just aft of amidships; a sixth gun position is forward on the raised forecastle. Two [REDACTED] vehicle access ramps lead down to the second level (tank deck). The tank deck is drive through with exit doors on the bow and stern.

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(TSR) Construction of the LST, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was in the midstage of construction [REDACTED] No components for additional units were observed in the shipyard.

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(S/WNINTEL) Other recent Chinese landing ship construction consists of three medium landing ships (LSM)--the YU-LING built at Lu-ta in 1970, one LSM built at Ching-tao in 1975, and a third LSM built at Kuang-chou in 1976.

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